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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/510,412	HONG ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Matt Luby	3611

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 October 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 06 October 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: There is a listing of Figures 4 and 5, but not 4(a), 4(b), 5(a), 5(b) and 5(c) in the Brief Description of the Drawings section. On page 9, line 14 the phrase: "do not rotated any more" is grammatically incorrect. On page 11, line 6 the words "rotate din" are misspelled.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claims 2-4 are objected to because of the following informalities: The phrase "left and right light receiving elements are installed an output shaft flange" (claim 2, lines 4-5) is grammatically incorrect. The limitation "through hoes" (claim 3) is misspelled. .

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it

pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The limitation "left and right reflections surfaces formed in one of the input shaft and the output shaft" (claim 1) are not supported by the disclosure which teaches that the reflection surfaces, 22 and 23 are formed on the input shaft flange/disk rather than the shaft itself. Similarly the limitations in claim 1 that the light emitting element 31 and the left and right light receiving elements are installed in a shaft are not enabled for the same reason.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The limitation "a light emitting element...installed in a shaft corresponding to a shaft in which the reflection surface is formed" (claim 1) is vague and indefinite since it is not clear from this limitation what "corresponding" means, i.e., whether this means that the element is installed in a shaft which is the same as the reflection surface shaft, or oppositely facing the shaft with the reflection surfaces.

The limitation "left and right light receiving elements which are installed in left and right sides of the light emitting element" (claim 1) is vague and indefinite because the disclosure appears to teach left and right light receiving elements installed *on* the left and right sides of the light emitting element on the output shaft flange, 30, rather than *in* the left and right sides.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1, as best understood, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 01-116423, hereafter '423.

'423 discloses an input shaft 2 connected to a steering handle 1, an output shaft 3, an elastic member 4, a steering torque detector comprising left and right reflections surfaces 7, 8, a light emitting element 5 and left and right light receiving elements 11, 12.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure because it relates to optical light based torque sensors.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matt Luby whose telephone number is (571) 272-6648. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on (571) 272-6612. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Art Unit 3611

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